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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Donaldson, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/601,157

Filed: June 20, 2003

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Group Art Unit: 2853

Examiner: Do, An H.

Docket No. 10015085-6

For: Slotted Substrates and Methods and Systems for Forming Same

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed October 3, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this Response to the final Office Action so that the Office Action mailed October 3, 2005 is effectively made non-final.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-0225.